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SUBJECT: SLOGANS PAINTED AT AND NEAR CONSULATE GENERAL

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- 1. WHILE OPENING UP POST JULY 21, DISCOVERED SEVERAL SLOGANS PAINTED WITH AEROSOL SPRAY SOMETIME DURING THE WEEKEND:
- A. "YANKEES OUT OF FRG" ("AMIS RAUS AUS BRD") PAINTED ON TENMETER LENGTH OF PUBLIC SIDEWALK PASSING IN FRONT OF CONSULATE GENERAL.
- B. THREE FURTHER SLOGANS REFERRING TO THE DEMAND FOR ABOLISHMENT OF "PARAGRAPH 218" (THE SO-CALLED ANTI-ABORTION SECTION IN GERMAN LAW) PAINTED ON PORTICO ENTRANCE TO CONSULATE AND ALONG LOW PERIMETER WALL SEPARATING POST GROUNDS FROM PUBLIC SIDEWALK.
- C. SWASTIKA PAINTED ON DOOR OF OFFICIAL U.S. ARMY VEHICLE PARKED APPROXIMATELY 150 METERS FROM CONSULATE IN FRONT OF APARTMENT OF 42ND MP DETACHMENT NCO WHO HAS OFFICE AT POST.
- 2. NO ADVANCE INFORMATION OF INCIDENT.

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3. POLICE NOTIFIED SHORTLY AFTER DISCOVERY AND INVESTIGATION

BEGUN. AUTHORITIES STATED THAT SIMILAR PAINTING DONE IN OTHER DOWNTOWN AREAS DURING SAME TIME FRAME. HOWEVER, ONLY "PARAGRAPH 218" TYPE AND NO ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS REPORTED.

- 4. POLICE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING DRIVE-BY PROTECTION FOR PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.
- 5. BELIEVE POST AND CITY PERSONNEL ABLE TO REMOVE ALL PAINT SO THAT PRIVATE CONTRACTORS WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE TO BE CALLED IN
- $6.\,$ POST HAS FILED REQUEST THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTE PERPETRATOR(S) IF APPREHENDED BY POLICE. LOCAL AUTHORITIES COOPERATIVE.
- 7. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, WE VIEW INCIDENT AS ISOLATED ACT OF VANDALISM AND NOT RPT NOT RELATED TO PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL TO BONN JULY 26-28. (TRIP WAS ANNOUNCED AFTER VANDALISM DISCOVERED.)USENIK

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